



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7119

LCO No. 4041

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT REDUCING THE LENGTH OF STAY IN EMERGENCY
PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH UNDER THE
SUPERVISION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, in emergency situations, a child or
3 youth may be placed by the Commissioner of Children and Families in
4 a child care facility licensed under section 17a-145 of the general
5 statutes or in a foster home licensed under section 17a-114 of the
6 general statutes on an emergency basis for not more than forty-five
7 days.

8 (b) If a child or youth remains in such emergency placement for
9 more than thirty days, not later than thirty days after the initial
10 placement, the commissioner shall file an application with the court for
11 approval of the continued placement in accordance with this section.
12 Not later than fifteen days after the application is filed, the court shall
13 hold a hearing on the application to review the reasons for continued
14 placement in an emergency placement, the services being provided to

15 the child or youth, and the efforts made by the commissioner to locate
16 an alternative placement. On the date of the hearing, the court shall
17 issue such order as it deems necessary concerning placement of the
18 child or youth. If the child or youth remains in an emergency
19 placement following the hearing or court order, the court shall hold a
20 review hearing every fifteen days until the child or youth is placed in
21 accordance with the court's order regarding placement. The
22 commissioner shall ensure that the child or youth is present at such
23 hearing unless the child or youth is physically unable to attend or
24 refuses to attend. Such hearing requirements may not be waived by
25 any party.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the length of stay for children and youth in emergency placements under the care or custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]